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CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNS.

Judge Burnes Disposes of Many Cases Not Going to Trial.

Our February term of circuit court is still grinding as we go to press, but it is likely to come to an adjournment by the time THE SENTINEL is in the hands of its subscribers. It has been a "tried term" for many of the lawyers and the judge's patience was sorely tried, but he worried through, and finally got the bar to wake up a little bit, and get busy. The jury was excused Thursday, and the court adjourned Friday until Tuesday of this week, when it resumed business. The following cases have been disposed of since our report of last week:

Felix Gambrel vs. Frank Chuning. Quiet Title. A. M. Tibbels is named as Guardian ad Litem, who files answer.

Samuel F. O'Fallon, Adm. Estate of Wm. J. Field, dec'd. vs. Strother E. Field & J. J. Field. Notes. Defendant files reply to plaintiff's answer.

A. Zimmerman vs. H. E. Miller. Note. Dismissed.

William R. Strickland vs. George H. Traub. Note. Judgment by default for \$131, with 7 per cent interest.

M. C. Wilson vs. Oscar W. Lease. Chas. Lease & Mrs. L. L. Lease. Note. Judgment by default on first count for \$1,042.05; second count, \$145.

T. D. Frazer vs. John F. Shipley. Note. Judgment by default for \$344.20.

H. K. Noel vs. James C. Riley. To revive judgment, by default and judgment revived for \$5.02.

Brooks-Scanlon Co., a corporation, vs. John R. Parker. Suit on notes. Plaintiff has leave to file cost bond. Bank of Corning vs. C. R. Adkins. Note. Judgment by default for \$757.20.

R. B. Bridgeman & R. B. Bridgeman, Trustee, vs. Robert Smith, Sr., W. F. Bragg and C. E. Munn. Equity. Defendant, Robert Smith, Sr., files amended answer to interplea of Bragg & Munn.

William Mostman, Herman Tubach vs. Edward Lunsford, Elmer West. Ejectment. Continued.

J. C. Whitsett vs. Elwin W. Carson. Scott Carson & Mahala Carson. Note. Verdict for \$725.41.

Robert Hatch vs. Green F. Keffler. Contract. This was a suit for \$650 that Mr. Hatch claimed was due him as commission on the sale of the South West quarter of Section 25, Township 9N, Range 3E, the same being what is known as the old Martin Keffler homestead lands, and situated just across the road west from the Lincoln schoolhouse. In Hickory township. Mr. Hatch is a barber and real estate agent, located here in Oregon, and alleges that he procured for the defendant a sale of said lands at the price and sum of \$150 per acre; that the defendant agreed to pay him a cash commission of 5 per cent on the first \$2,000 and 7 1/2 per cent on the remainder, if he would find a sale for him of said lands at the said price; that he did so to W. C. Stevenson, and that thereafter, Mr. Keffler refused to pay said commission, hence this suit. Submitted to a jury, which gave a verdict for the defendant.

In Re-Gossett-Warner Drainage District. Ex parte. Petition for incorporation. Another drainage district is asked to be formed by the petition of William M. Gossett, Winfield S. Gossett, Harriet Lease, Charles Rhodes and A. D. Cooksey, to be named the "Gossett-Warner District." The lands lie in the bottom, southeast of Forbes. It is alleged that the petitioner, William M. Gossett, is the owner of 680 acres of land in the said proposed district; that Winfield S. Gossett, Harriet Lease, Charles Rhodes and A. D. Cooksey, the other petitioners, each own one acre of land in the said district, and that Vespasian Warner, of Clinton, Illinois, owns 110 acres of land therein, and that the said Warner, as executor of the will of Clifton M. Moore, owns 280 acres more therein. (The Vespasian Warner herein mentioned is the man who was at one time Commissioner of Penitents of the United States. He also was a congressman from Illinois, for several years. He has owned this land here in Holt county for a number of years.) Motion to strike out objections sustained; decree as prayed for.

Gottlieb Eisenman vs. Chester Hitz & Daniel Hitz. Attachment. This was a damage suit, by attachment, in which the plaintiff asks judgment for the sum of \$3,000. Plaintiff says that the defendants, who were non-residents of Missouri on or about the 20th day of September, 1914, were engaged

in buying and shipping apples, at the village of Fortescue, and employed men to haul said apples on wagons drawn by teams; that he, plaintiff, was employed by them, and that, defendants negligently and carelessly instructed plaintiff to load a certain wagon then and there provided, with barrels of apples to be transported to another place and unloaded. That the wagon so provided was unsafe and unfit for such purpose, and that the same was overloaded and improperly loaded, when, because of said dangerous condition of said wagon, and the overloading thereof, a barrel fell from a point on the wagon, striking plaintiff on his foot and ankle, crushing, mutilating, bruising and lacerating the muscles and tendons of the leg, foot and ankle, creating injuries which he says are permanent. (The Hitz brothers are, we are told, the men who own the old "Jack Rains" place, near Higelow.) Stipulations filed.

Robert C. McCoy vs. Lottie McCoy. Divorce. Plaintiff dismisses suit.

Edna R. Cropp vs. C. M. Cropp. Divorce. Decree for plaintiff and custody of child, and maiden name, Edna Donovan, restored.

Mayme Ramsay vs. George Wesley Ramsey. Separate maintenance. Defendant ordered to pay R. L. Minton attorney fee of \$25; and pay plaintiff expense money at rate of \$10 per month beginning April 1st. Defendant has leave to file answer 30 days before next term of court.

Annie Foster vs. James A. Foster. Divorce. Continued.

Ada Rowland vs. William Rowland. Divorce. Dismissed.

William Mitchell & Bruce Mitchell, Co-Partners, vs. J. H. Harrison. Attachment. This was an attachment suit brought by the plaintiffs who reside in St. Joseph, against J. H. Harrison, who, it is said, resides in Nebraska. The plaintiffs in this case say that that they bought 50,000 lbs. of millet seed from the defendant, about September 1st, last, at the sum of \$1.10 per hundred pounds; that, in pursuance of said agreement, defendant shipped 25,054 pounds of said millet seed to plaintiffs, but that, soon thereafter, the price of millet seed advanced, and defendant refused to deliver the balance of said seed to plaintiffs. Plaintiffs say that they also furnished defendant 450 grain bags worth 25 cents each, to ship the said millet seed to them in, and that defendant only returned to plaintiffs 2% of said grain bags. They say that millet seed is now worth 50 cents per hundred pounds more than it was worth at the time they bought said seed from the defendant, and they therefore ask judgment for \$121.73, for the loss alleged to have been sustained by them because of the defendant's not having furnished to them the balance of said millet seed, and \$51.52, for the value of the balance of said grain bags that plaintiffs say were not returned. Judgment for plaintiff is given in the first count for \$121.73; and for the second count, \$51.52.

William C. Dodson vs. John C. Hinkle. Damages. In this case it is alleged by the plaintiff that Mr. Hinkle, together with his servants, agents and employees, on or about the 25th day of November, 1914, entered in and upon certain lands in Holt county claimed by the plaintiff (describing said lands—which are in Section 12, Township 6N, Range 30) and against the wish and will of plaintiff, husked 105 rows of corn, 120 rods long, averaging about 8 bushels to the row, and appropriated the same to his own use. Plaintiff says that said corn was worth sixty cents per bushel, and so asks for judgment against the defendant for \$500. Cause submitted to jury, who find for plaintiff in the sum of \$175. Defendant files motion for new trial.

James M. Smith vs. Unknown heirs of Levi Dodge, dec'd. Quiet Title. Decree for plaintiff.

G. W. Poynter vs. Edward and Anna Foster. Suit on note. Plaintiff dismisses suit at cost of defendant.

In the matter of extension of boundary in Little Tarkio Drainage District territory. Time is extended to the next term for filing bill of exceptions, and continued.

W. H. Williams vs. Unknown heirs of J. C. Waterman, dec'd. Quiet Title. Decree as prayed for.

Felix Gambrel vs. Frank Chuning. Quiet Title. Decree as prayed for.

Henry Nordloh vs. Sophia Nordloh & Ida Gerdes, et al. Partition. H. B. Williams allowed \$300 attorney fees.

William Gossett vs. Julia Torrey, Ollie Walker, et al. Petition for review and vacation of judgment. Judgment heretofore rendered is set aside and defendants to pay costs.

Henry M. Flak vs. Marsena P. Mc-

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OUR COUNTY RURAL SCHOOLS.

Brief History of the Beginning of Some of the Rural Schools in Holt County.

Monarch. This district was organized about the year 1875 or 1877. Its first name was Mount Sinai. About 1880 or 1881, its name was changed to Monarch. The first board of directors were Mr. Samuel Hardy, president; Mr. James Thrallkill, clerk; the other member was Mr. Elam Hunter.

Mr. Townsend was employed to teach the first school. He died before the term was out. The school was finished by his son, Mr. Ollie Hardy. His salary was twenty-five dollars a month for four months.

Since our district was organized there have been built two schoolhouses. The first was a frame building, weather-boarded. It was furnished with good seats, a painted blackboard and a wood box stove. The subjects taught were: Reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling.

Today our schoolhouse is a frame building, weather-boarded on the outside and celled on the inside. It has a slate blackboard, good double seats and desks, an organ and a stove that will burn either wood or coal. It has a library, two sets of encyclopedias, a chart, a dictionary and a set of maps. There are also three hanging lamps. It has a well and a pump. It has a beehive in which there is a large bee. The subjects now taught are reading, writing, arithmetic, history, language, geography, and agriculture.

Our present teacher is Miss Eva B. Hitt. The present board of directors is composed of Mr. R. L. Hughes, president; Mr. David Allen, clerk, and the other member is Mr. James Smith. This district is No. 57, range 37 and Forbes township.

FRANK OTT.

Woods.

The first schoolhouse was built so long ago, that little is known about its past history, other than it was created in 1889. It was a log house, named Woods for a Mr. Woods, who then lived where Mr. Elliott Kurtz now lives.

The blackboards were made of boards, and painted black, and the seats were long, with straight backs.

The present schoolhouse, which is estimated at \$900 was built in the year of 1877. The first teacher as far as we have learned was J. H. Fickes. It has four windows on each side of the room; eleven slate blackboards; a good library containing 110 volumes, estimated at \$75; twenty desks, which are not well suited for little children; and a set of Van Englen maps.

The house is heated by a wood stove, which stands in the center of the room. The water is carried from Mr. Kurtz's house.

The present needs of the schoolhouse are new desks, new blinds, and papering. We have a fair school-ground, 112 feet by 150 feet, with plenty of shade. The condition of the outbuildings are fair.

The school board at the present time is: Earnest Oppenlander, president; J. W. Buntz, clerk; and John Hornecker.

The subjects now taught under the present teacher, Miss Bess Smith, are: Arithmetic, grammar, reading, history, geography, spelling, physiology and agriculture. Twenty-four classes are taught each day, at the average length of 15 minutes a class. The present term of school is 8 months; the salary being \$55 per month.

LILLIAN DREHER.

Elm Grove.

This district was organized in 1867. The district's first name was Elm Grove. First board of directors: President, Sam Randolph; clerk, Thomas Mackey, Sr.; member, Hiram Whaley, and the first teacher was T. S. Ward. The number of terms taught by the first teacher was two, at a salary of \$45. The length of the first term was seven months. Three schoolhouses have been built since the district was first organized.

The first house was a log house, and the seats were long benches made out of logs split in two. Desks were along the side of the wall. The stove was an old-fashioned box one and the blackboard was a painted board. Reading, arithmetic, writing, spelling and grammar were taught in the first school. Among those who attended the school when the district was first organized were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stuart, Mr. L. Notley, Mrs. Joe Morris. The present house was built in 1903 at an estimated value of \$1,000. Library was established in 1905. Number of volumes in library is about 85. Estimated value of

library is about \$50. The school has no clock, a 12-inch globe on stand, 3 plain roller maps, no organ, no sand table, one primary chart.

The seats are double, most of them old and not very well suited to the needs of the pupils. Windows have shades. Room is heated by Waterbury furnace located close to wall near northwest corner. House is ventilated by Waterbury system. Thirty pupils may be seated in room. Pupils enumerated, 31; pupils enrolled, 32; subjects taught: Arithmetic, reading, spelling, grammar, geography, history, physiology, civil government, agriculture, penmanship, drawing. Number of recitations per day, 26; approximate time of each is 14 minutes.

School ground: One acre, good condition. Schoolhouse is in good condition; outbuildings, fair; water supply is good.

Present needs: New desks; outbuildings moved. The board is: President, Mr. J. G. Hinkle; clerk, Mr. W. H. Wilson; member, Mr. J. Catron, and the teacher is John Aikman, who is teaching his third term at a salary of \$65.

Gordon.

This district was organized in 1875, and its name has never been changed since its organization, and derived its name from Dr. W. L. Gordon, a pioneer settler who was the district's first president; W. H. Patterson was the first clerk, Bailey M. Bessley, now of Fortescue, was the first teacher who taught a three months' term at a salary of \$20 per month. The original schoolhouse was destroyed by fire in 1892, and rebuilt at once, and on similar plans to the original structure. The grounds were a donation from Dr. Gordon. The present structure is valued at \$800.

Among those attending the original school were Mrs. Sarah J. Thomas, Mrs. A. P. Decker, Mrs. W. H. Hicker, Geo. W. Gordon, W. L. Patterson, Mose Patterson, R. E. Decker, Dr. Ernest Patterson, Lee Fogg, Gertrude Fogg.

The present board is composed of V. C. Karns, president; Mart Karns, clerk, and Charles Limpp and Frank Fogg. The present teacher is Katie McKee.

Glendale.

There is no data at hand as to the early organization of this district. The present schoolhouse, however, was built in 1890, and is equipped with a modern heating plant, a 70-volume library, and double seats and desks, well ventilated and lighted. It has an acre of ground and in good condition.

The present board of directors are: David Yount, president; J. D. Morris, clerk, and B. F. Freeman. The present teacher is Zoe Morris, a graduate of the Bigelow school, at a salary of \$40 per month, and an eight months' term.

Chambers.

was organized in the 60's and the present schoolhouse built in 1865, and its name has never been changed, and its board consisted of a Mr. Brownlee and a Mr. Quick. The first teacher was Mr. U. Brownlee. The school is equipped with library and new single and double seats and organ. It is the second smallest school in the county, having an enumeration of 6 and an enrollment of 5.

Its present board members are Wm. Schaffer, president; Frank Golden, clerk and Charles Schaffer. Present teacher is Jessie Boyd, at a salary of \$50 per month.

Has A Birthday.

About forty-five people participated in the hospitality of Mrs. George Shultz and her daughters, Wednesday of last week, in honor of the 70th anniversary of Mr. Shultz's birth. It was a surprise affair for the "guests of honor," and the plans of the hostesses worked perfectly.

The ladies had prepared a sumptuous dinner for the occasion, and everyone who was present states that a royal good time was enjoyed. G. W. Gaskill's 81st birthday anniversary occurred on the same day, and although he was not included in the surprise, he shared the honors of the occasion with Mr. Shultz—Craig Leader, February 26th.

Mr. Shultz was born in Morgan county, Indiana, February 19, 1839, and came to Holt county in 1852, where he has continuously resided. He married Laura, daughter of Jess Steele, in 1872. They have two daughters, Mrs. Jno. Speer and Mrs. Cora Browning, and one grand child. He is a veteran of the civil war and served in the 4th M. S. M. Cavalry.

Mr. Gaskill, the oldest guest present, was born in Ohio, February 17, 1834, and came to Holt county in 1889, and has ever been a resident of that section. He too, is a veteran of the civil war and served in the 47th Indiana Infantry.

THE DISTRICT LAND VALUES.

The Assessment Of Lands By School Districts--Their Total Value.

In our issue of February 5th, we gave our readers the assessment of personal property by school districts which showed a total of \$1,152,100. In the following we aim to show the land values by school districts, which totals \$4,991,910, thus making the land and personal valuations by school districts total \$6,144,010.

No.	Name	Valuation
1.	Eureka	\$ 75,000
2.	King Grove	73,500
3.	Harmony	103,900
4.	Minn. Valley (Con. No. 1)	
5.	Dale Center (Con. No. 1)	
6.	Lonesome	115,950
7.	Mt. Hope	47,550
8.	Star	76,250
9.	Hogrefe	62,950
10.	Brush College, No. 2	49,900
11.	Cherry Dale	69,650
12.	Liberty (Con. No. 1)	
13.	Ross Grove (Con. No. 1)	
14.	Squaw Creek	103,500
15.	Pine Hill	75,550
16.	Rising Sun	82,600
17.	Franklin	69,650
18.	South Center	83,250
19.	Pleasant Hill	80,950
20.	Summit	87,200
21.	Wild Rose	41,800
22.	North Center	96,620
23.	Marietta	31,150
24.	Kelso	61,100
25.	Min. Springs	62,400
26.	Gordon	65,800
27.	Crosen	81,300
28.	Richland	84,450
29.	Triumph	82,250
30.	Fairview	89,100
31.	Shiloh	82,850
32.	Bagby	76,650
33.	Blair	96,500
34.	Elm Grove	47,300
35.	Higelow (Con. No. 2)	
36.	Glendale	40,400
37.	Walker	44,950
38.	Fortescue	
39.	Walnut Grove	50,900
40.	Monticello	31,800
41.	Benton	68,350
42.	Lincoln	106,000
43.	New Point	86,500
44.	Marion	53,350
45.	Nickell's Gr.	55,500
46.	Divide	49,540
47.	Union	85,530
48.	Kimsey	57,200
49.	Exodus	37,050
50.	Idelwilde	48,130
51.	Burr Oak	42,880
52.	Brush College No. 1	36,750
53.	Oakland	37,570
54.	Woods	60,400
55.	Richville	66,710
56.	Mayflower	43,620
57.	Monarch	33,200
58.	Highland	45,000
59.	White	60,250
60.	Culp	44,150
61.	Bluff City	66,000
62.	Shafter	36,770
63.	Chambers	27,820
64.	Baker	34,400
65.	Pierce	42,860
66.	Forbes	53,750
67.	Oak Grove	35,750
68.	Wilson	37,250
69.	Consolidated No. 1	261,700
70.	Consolidated No. 2	192,360

Total lands by districts \$4,991,910

69. Corning 113,250

70. Craig 177,340

71. Forest City 127,800

72. Fortescue 73,030

73. Maitland 227,870

74. Mound City 392,290

75. Oregon 330,950

Unorganized 31,100

Total town lots 895,840

Total lands and town lots \$5,887,750

Consolidated District No. 1 is composed of the Minnesota Valley, Dale Center, Liberty and Ross Grove districts.

Consolidated District No. 2, consists of Bigelow, Summit, Kelso, Cottonwood, Elm Grove, and Wild Rose districts.

The town lot values are placed at \$895,840; and the personal at \$1,216,670—a total of \$2,112,512. The total assessable wealth of lands and town lots and personal being \$6,143,830.

We feel under obligations to our young friend Don Martin, Collector

Treasurer's capable assistance, for the data which has enabled us to complete the article.

Want to Consolidate.

A petition was filed Friday, of last week, asking for the consolidation of the Walker, Elm Grove, Fortescue, Walnut Grove and Elm Grove school districts. The petition was signed by 28 voters, and Superintendent Rock, under the law must give cognizance to the petition, and he has been in that section looking into the matter.

The recent assessment places the

valuation of these districts at the following figures:

	Personal	Land	Total
Walker	9,070	44,970	54,040
Elm Grove	10,080	47,300	57,380
Fortescue	25,370	73,030	98,400
Wal't Grove	19,720	56,900	76,620
Idelwilde	10,330	48,130	58,460

Total assessable wealth \$344,900

The enumeration as made in May, 1914, show these districts to have a total of 277 of school age. It also shows these districts received from the state, county and township school funds during the year 1914 a total of \$1,034.71. The enumeration and school fund aid by districts was as follows:

Enumeration. School Money.

Walker	54	\$ 185.73
Elm Grove	33	133.31
Fortescue	97	365.36
Walnut G. G.		180.86
Idelwilde	37	169.25

Total 277 \$1,034.71

New County Collector.

Henry Aikire can now be seen in his office at the court house, having entered upon his duties as collector of revenue, on Monday, of this week. Mr. Aikire has the requisite qualifications, and he will doubtless prove an efficient and accommodating officer, and those who are delinquent for their taxes, he will be de-lighted to have them call on him and make liquidation of all demands against them.

The Tie That Binds.

Records of Bankers issued the following marriage licenses during the month of February, and while the month is the shortest, he says he issued three more than he did in the month of January:

Andes, Paul and Edith Alice Pearson, of Mound City, February 11th.

Davis, Fred L. and Katherine W. Terry, both of New Point, February 5th, by Rev. T. D. Roberts.

Davis, Jesse C., of Maitland, and Etta Latta, of Nodaway, February 24th, by Rev. C. H. Sauceman. Consent given by groom's father.

Dodge, George, of Forest City, and Daisy Miller, of Oregon, February 2, by Riley Turney, J. P. Consent given by Dodge's father.

Heck, Charles F., and Plumah E. Freed, both of Mound City, February 10th, by Rev. F. P. Brewster.

Latham, Henry, and Josie Elsie Nicholson, both of Mound City, February 9th, by Rev. J. H. Walker. Consent given by parents of bride.

Noland, R. W., and Cella Mann, of Napier, February 3d, by Elder Gillman Walden.

Smith, Charles, of Oregon, and Anna Fields, of Forest City, February 27.

Smith, James R., and Mabel Smith, of Bigelow, February 24th, by Harry M. Dungan, probate judge.

Uhl, Adolph, Jr., and Mamie Burgess, both of St. Joseph, February 4.

Sells Out.

W. Eben Smith sold his poultry and produce business in this city to John Hester, who will take possession next Monday. The business will be conducted at the present location, Mr. Smith's building. The building was not sold in the deal. Mr. Smith tells us he has made no plans for the future.

These good people have many friends in Holt county who would regret their locating elsewhere. Mr. Hester has been in business in Mound City at different times, and is well liked for his good character and genial disposition. We are glad to chronicle the fact that he and his family will again become citizens of Mound City. They now reside at Clarinda, Iowa. News-Jeffersonian, February 25.

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